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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CIA INTERFERENCE IN SELECTION OF NEXT
PRESIDENT OF MEXICO

1. EXCELSIOR JANUARY 27 CARRIED WIRESERVICE REPORT FROM
WASHINGTON QUOTING TEXT OF LETTER FROM WILLIAM HIGGS,
PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY, TO SEN.
JOHN SPARKMAN, CHAIRMAN OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE,
CONGRATULATING THE COMMITTEE FOR SCHEDULING HEARINGS ON THE
CIA AND URGING THESE BE AN EXTENSIVE AND IN DEPTH INQUIRY
INTO CIA ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA.

2. IN THE LETTER, HIGGS, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CITED COM-
MITTEE, STATED: "FOR VARIOUS REASONS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE
CIA HAS BEEN AND IS INVOLVING ITSELF IN MANY ASPECTS OF
MEXICO'S INTERNAL POLITICS AND IN SOCIAL ACTIONS, ESPECIALLY
IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF MEXICO IN
THE SUMMER OF 1976."

3. HIGGS ALSO STATED THAT "THE CIA HAS BEEN OR IS PARTI-
CIPATING IN ACTIVITIES AIMED AT DISCREDITING BESIEGING AND
OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENTS OF LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS,
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ESPECIALLLY PERU AND VENEZUELA." HE ADDED, "CERTAINLY THE

NAMING OF AMB JOVA IN MEXICO AND AMB SHLAUDEMANN IN VENEZUELA SHOULD AUGMENT THE CIA'S CAPACITY FOR ACTION IN THESE NATIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE RECALL THE ROLES BOTH PLAYED IN THE CHILE MATTER."

4. COMMENT: DESPITE THE FACT THAT HIGGS' "COMMITTEE", EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS, IS IN EFFECT A ONE-MAN ORGANIZATION, HIS PERIODIC LETTERS ATTRACT FRONT-PAGE ATTENTION IN MEXICO AND AND PROBABLY TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY THE UNINFORMED.

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